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Claims Readable Thereon: Claims readable on Figure 3-E include claims 25, 26, 33, 34, 36, and 40.

REMARKS – General

Applicant has identified a single disclosed species, as represented by Figure 3-E, for prosecution on the merits, and has disclosed those claims which the applicant believes are readable upon Figure 3-E.

Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance

Applicant has amended the specification and claims of this application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure which is also unobvious. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P § 2173.02 and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very Respectfully,

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